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We categorize the set of clients communicating with a server on the Web based on information that can be determined by the server. The Web server uses the information to direct tailored actions. Users with poor connectivity may choose not to stay at a Web site if it takes a long time to receive a page, even if the Web server at the site is not the bottleneck. Retaining such clients may be of interest to a Web site. Better connected clients can receive enhanced representations of Web pages, such ...

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Enterprise level web proxies relay world-wide web traffic between private networks and the Internet. They improve security, save network bandwidth, and reduce network latency. While the performance of web proxies has been analyzed based on synthetic workloads, little is known about their performance on real workloads. In this paper we present a study of two web proxies (CERN and Squid) executing real workloads on Digital's Palo Alto Gateway. We demonstrate that the simple CERN proxy architecture ...



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Understanding distributed applications is a tedious and difficult task. Visualizations based on

process-time diagrams are often used to obtain a better understanding of the execution of the application. The visualization tool we use is Poet, an event tracer developed at the University of Waterloo. However, these diagrams are often very complex and do not provide the user with the desired overview of the application. In our experience, such tools display repeated occurrences of non-trivial commun ...

4 Replication for web hosting systems

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Replication is a well-known technique to improve the accessibility of Web sites. It generally offers reduced client latencies and increases a site's availability. However, applying replication techniques is not trivial, and various Content Delivery Networks (CDNs) have been created to facilitate replication for digital content providers. The success of these CDNs has triggered further research efforts into developing advanced <i>Web replica hosting systems</i>. These are systems that ...

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5 Server performance and scalability: A method for transparent admission control and request scheduling in e-commerce web sites

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This paper presents a method for admission control and request scheduling for multiply-tiered e-commerce Web sites, achieving both stable behavior during overload and improved response times. Our method externally observes execution costs of requests online, distinguishing different request types, and performs overload protection and preferential scheduling using relatively simple measurements and a straight forward control mechanism. Unlike previous proposals, which require extensive changes to ...

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6 Cluster-based scalable network services

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7 Web proxy caching: the devil is in the details

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Much work in the analysis of proxy caching has focused on high-level metrics such as hit rates, and has approximated actual reference patterns by ignoring exceptional cases such as connection aborts. Several of these low-level details have a strong impact on performance, particularly in heterogeneous bandwidth environments such as modem pools connected to faster networks. Trace-driven simulation of the modem pool of a large ISP

suggests that "cookies" dramatically affect the cachability of resou ...

8 World Wide Web: Predicting web actions from HTML content

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Most proposed Web prefetching techniques make predictions based on the historical references to requested objects. In contrast, this paper examines the accuracy of predicting a user's next action based on analysis of the content of the pages requested recently by the user. Predictions are made using the similarity of a model of the user's interest to the text in and around the hypertext anchors of recently requested Web pages. This approach can make predictions of actions that have never been ...

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Pervasive computing applications allow users to access information from anywhere while traveling and using variety of devices. Heterogeneity and limitation of resources involved in this application demand adaptation of content according to the current context (device, user, network etc.). The dynamic nature of adaptation mechanisms together with emerging opportunities of Web Service technology provides new approach of adaptation which is service-based. While this approach would provide a valuabl ...

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11 Adaptive push-pull: disseminating dynamic web data

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15 Learning response time for WebSources using query feedback and application in query optimization

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The rapid growth of the Internet and support for interoperability protocols has increased the number of Web accessible sources, WebSources. Current wrapper mediator architectures need to be extended with a wrapper cost model (WCM) for WebSources that can estimate the response time (delays) to access sources as well as other relevant statistics. In this paper, we present a Web prediction tool (WebPT), a tool that is based on learning using query feedback from WebSources. The WebPT uses dimensions ...

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16 Locality-aware request distribution in cluster-based network servers

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We consider cluster-based network servers in which a front-end directs incoming requests to one of a number of back-ends. Specifically, we consider *content-based request distribution*: the front-end uses the content requested, in addition to information about the load on the back-end nodes, to choose which back-end will handle this request. Content-based request distribution can improve locality in the back-ends' main memory caches, increase secondary storage scalability by partitioning th ...

17 Size-based scheduling to improve web performance



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Is it possible to reduce the expected response time of *every* request at a web server, simply by changing the order in which we schedule the requests? That is the question we ask in this paper. This paper proposes a method for improving the performance of web servers servicing static HTTP requests. The idea is to give preference to requests for small files or requests with short remaining file size, in accordance with the SRPT (Shortest Remaining Processing Time) scheduling policy. The imple ...

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